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SUBJECT: ISRAELI CARGOES THROUGH THE SUEZ CANAL

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1. I BELIEVE PROCEDURE SUGGESTED TO DINITZ IS CORRECT. ARTICLE 7 OF SECOND DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT SPEAKS OF QUOTE NON-MILITARY UNQUOTE CARGOES BEING PERMITTED THROUGH THE CANAL. IN VARIOUS PUBLIC STATEMENTS, SADAT HAS ALTERED THIS SOMEWHAT TO QUOTE NON-STRATEGIC UNQUOTE CARGOES. ALTHOUGH PETROLEUM IS CLEARLY A STRATEGIC CARGO, AND HE WILL DOUBTLESS TAKE SOME POLITICAL FLACK FROM ARAB CTITICS FOR PERMITTING LOADED TANKER BOUND FOR ISRAEL TO TRANSIT, IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR THE CARGO TO TRANSIT WITHOUT INCIDENT IF ISRAEL HANDLES MATTER IN LOW KEY.

2. APART FROM AGREEMENT PROVISION, THERE ARE TWO ELEMENTS THAT SHOULD WORK IN FAVOR OF CARGO GOING THROUGH WITHOUT PROBLEM, ASSUMING SHIP'S PAPERS AND PAYMENT ARE IN ORDER. FIRST, SINCE I ASSUME PETROLEUM IS COMING FROM IRAN, SADAT WILL NOT WANT TO OFFEND HIS IRANIAN BENEFACTOR BY MAKING AN ISSUE OF TRANSIT. SECOND, EGYPTIANS ALREADY HAVE ABU RUDAYS AND RAS AS-SIDR OIL FIELDS BACK AND DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT WILL PRESUMABLY BE FULLY IMPLEMENTED

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BY THE TIME THE LOADED TANKER RETURNS. THIS WILL

ALSO MAKE IT EASIER FOR SADAT TO JUSTIFY PASSAGE,
AT LEAST BEFORE HIS OWN PEOPLE IF NOT BEFORE ARAB
CRITICS.

3. PLEASE REPEAT THIS MESSAGE TO TEL AVIV.
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